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This book describes how it feels and what it means to do qualitative research, and it provides support for doctoral students who choose this form of inquiry for their dissertation research. It serves as a guide to the processes and procedures involved in writing the qualitative dissertation. The reflections of research correspondents are the data source for the book, which contains these chapters: (1) "Understanding by Finishing: The End Is the Beginning"; (2) "Understanding by Beginning: What Does a Qualitative Dissertation Look Like?"; (3) "Understanding at the Beginning: Selecting and Working with a Committee and an Advisor"; (4) "Understanding by Proposing: Preparing and Defending"; (5) "Supporting Understanding: Maximizing Resources"; (6) "Understanding by Focusing: Ownership, Autobiography, Ethics"; (7) "Understanding by Writing: Voice, 'Emotional Journey,' Journals"; (8) "Understanding by Doing: Methodology, Analysis, and So Forth"; (9) "Understanding by Finishing: Defining 'The End'"; and (10) "Understanding by Ending: Beginning with Endings." Three appendixes contain brief sketches of the research correspondents, sample tables of contents, and a letter by Barbara Smith Reddish. (Contains 105 references.) (SLD)

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